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In advance of the first examination in this case, Applicants request amendment of the subject application, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the text in the section labeled "RELATED APPLICATIONS" and replace it with the following text:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application contains material related to the following commonly assigned co-pending U.S. Patent Applications, incorporated herein by reference:

Serial No. 09/745,655, filed 22 December 2000 for "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROGRAMMING THE VALUE OF FRAME SYNCHRONIZATION WORDS IN A MULTIDIMENSIONAL DIGITAL FRAME STRUCTURE"